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




Montana High School Initiative

The Office of Public Instruction serves as the lead agency to facilitate the coordination and collaboration of the Montana High School Initiative. This initiative will result in a common language and a common direction for Montana high school education.

The role of K-12:

Establish a comprehensive system of education to develop the full educational potential of each person. Equality of educational opportunity is guaranteed to each person of the state. (Montana Constitution, Article X)

The Montana High School Initiative's targeted areas include:

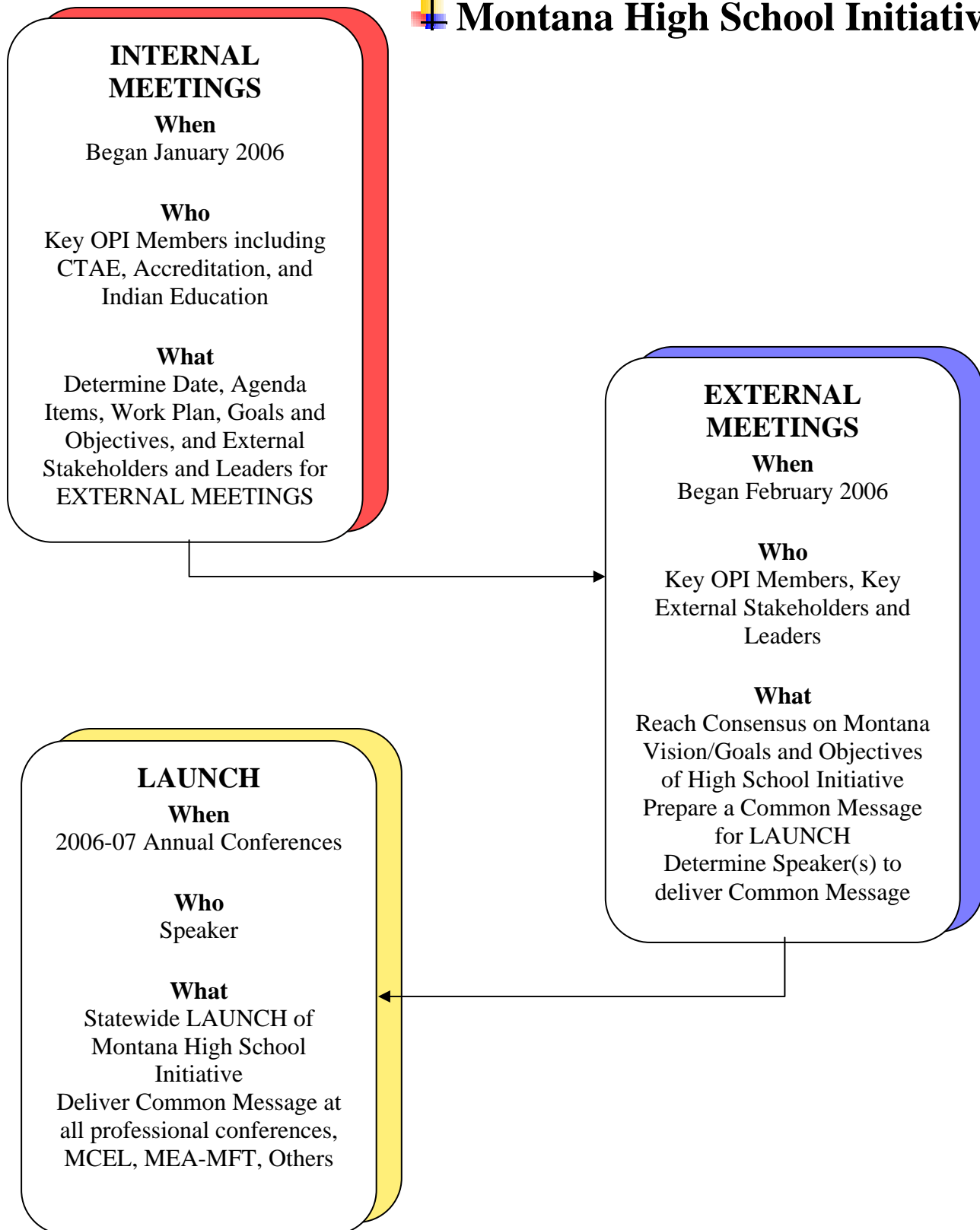
-  Indian Education for All
-  Increased student achievement
-  Increased graduation rates
-  Leadership development (Breaking Ranks II and Balanced Leadership)
-  Relationship to postsecondary education and workforce
-  Promotion of educational experiences rich with opportunity to learn, use, and reinforce academic knowledge and skills in a variety of environments (career clusters)

The Montana High School Leadership Team:

Darrell Rud, Roger Barber, Jan Lombardi, Eileen Sheehy, Norma Bixby, Bruce Messinger, Bryan Dunn, Paul Rowland, Bud Williams, Erik Burke, Voyd St. Pierre, TJ Eyer, Darlene Schottle, Rene' Dubay, Kelly Chapman, Patty Myers, Jody Messinger, and Linda Peterson. Additional members will be added to the Leadership Team.

The Montana High School Initiative Leadership Team will set goals and plan the next steps of the Montana High School Initiative. The Montana High School Initiative must address the Montana picture and align with the P-20 Initiative and Indian Education for All. What should high schools look like in the future? Do Montana high schools need to improve; if so, what do high schools need? The Montana High School Leadership Team will address these questions and others to ensure that the Montana effort reflects Montana's strengths and needs of the state's high schools. Jody Messinger and Linda Peterson serve as facilitators for this project.

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High School Initiative Activities to Date

Spring 04

- Montana Team attends USDE Regional Summit – “Preparing America’s Future High School Initiative” - Billings, MT (March)

Winter 04

- Montana Team attends Second Annual USDE High School Leadership Summit - Washington DC (December)

Summer 05

- MT HS Grant Application Awarded - \$15,000
- These dollars will support Montana’s planning for the Initiative.
- MASCD/SAM Breaking Ranks II Training – Helena
- Principals’ Academy – MSU-Bozeman
- Montana Team attends Model Schools Conference (June)
- Montana Team attends National Association of System Heads Conference (July)

Fall 05

- SAM – Follow-up training for Breaking Ranks II
- SAM Conference (Balanced Leadership)
- Career Clusters Conference – Helena
- Professional Educators’ Conferences – Initial Discussions

Montana High School Initiative Related Activities/Initiatives

- P-20 Effort
 - Standards and Assessment Alignment (P-20 Task Force)
 - Dual Enrollment/Tech Prep (P-20 Ad Hoc Committee)
 - School Counseling Initiative
 - Career Clusters
 - Integrated Data Management Systems
 - Teacher Quality
 - Student Financial Support (Access Issues)
- Indian Education for All